




REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of July 03, 2006

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

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| <p>Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)</p> <p>On July 05, 2006 Gerald Alex Bigsby was arrested in Baltimore, MD by members of CARFTF. Authorities sought Bigsby for Probation Violation, and suspected his involvement in a string of ten bank robberies in the Washington DC / Maryland area. Authorities recently released Bigsby from prison following a 1993 conviction for Armed Bank Robbery. Shortly after Bigsby's release, a federal judge determined he violated his parole and sentenced him to one year in a halfway house. While serving this sentence, Bigsby allegedly began conducting a string of bank robberies during which he threatened bank employees with a large knife and claimed to possess an explosive device. During this spree, Bigsby allegedly garnered more than \$60,000 in US currency. CARFTF investigators tracked Bigsby to a Baltimore hotel, moved in, and safely took him into custody.</p> |  <p>Gerald Alex Bigsby Wanted for: Bank Robbery</p> |
| <p>Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)</p> <p>On July 06, 2006 Steven Romero, a documented member of the <i>Happy Town Gang</i>, was arrested in Pomona, CA by members of PSWRFTF and agents of the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (CDCR). Pomona PD sought Romero for Murder. In mid-June 2006 Romero became involved in an argument with his uncle. The argument escalated, at which time Romero allegedly produced a firearm, fired at his uncle, and killed him. Pomona PD requested assistance from PSWRFTF in locating and apprehending Romero. PSWRFTF personnel developed information on a location associated with Romero's activities and established surveillance. During this surveillance, investigators observed Romero operating a vehicle, initiated a felony traffic stop, and took Romero safely into custody.</p> | <p><i>Happy Town Gang</i> Gang Member</p>  <p>Steven Romero Wanted for: Murder</p> |
| <p>Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)</p> <p>On July 01, 2006 Parley Paskett was arrested in Peoria, IL by members of GLRFTF and officers from the Peoria PD Tactical Response Team (TRT). Authorities in Dade County (FL) sought Paskett for Murder relating to a pair of killings occurring in that area. During this incident, Paskett allegedly killed two individuals during an attempted drug robbery. GLRFTF investigators received an investigative lead from SERFTF personnel suggesting Paskett's location in Peoria. GLRFTF immediately pursued this lead, arresting two individuals with possible ties to Paskett on narcotics charges. A search warrant executed on one of these associate's home led to the discovery of Paskett's personal possessions. Under questioning, this individual provided Paskett's location. GLRFTF and TRT officers responded to the target location, made entry, and safely took Paskett into custody. Incident to arrest, investigators seized 1,500 grams of marijuana, 3 grams of heroin, and three handguns.</p> |  <p>Parley Paskett Wanted for: Murder</p> |

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

On June 27, 2006 James Lewis was arrested in Duluth, GA by members of SERFTF, the Technical Operations Group (TOG), and SWAT deputies from the Gwinnett County (GA) Sheriff's Office. Authorities in Allen County (IN) wanted Lewis on multiple charges, including Armed Robbery and Bank Robbery. During two separate incidents, Lewis allegedly robbed a fast food restaurant, and later robbed a Ft. Wayne, IN bank at gunpoint. US Marshals Service investigators in the Northern District of Indiana developed information that Lewis fled to the Duluth-area, forwarding that lead to SERFTF personnel. SERFTF continued the investigation, revealing a probable location for Lewis. Investigators established surveillance at this target site and prepared to make entry with assistance from Gwinnett County SWAT. As off-site preparation continued, Lewis spotted surveillance units and attempted to flee into an adjacent wooded area with his cousin. The entry team immediately responded to the area, moved into the wooded area, and safely took Lewis and the second man into custody after flushing them out of their hiding place. Lewis has a criminal history of seven prior felony arrests.



James Lewis

**Wanted for:
Armed Robbery &
Bank Robbery**

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF)

On July 07, 2006 Shaun Pettiway was arrested in Philadelphia, PA by members of the NY/NJ RFTF. Authorities sought Pettiway for Bank Robbery and for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution. Pettiway allegedly robbed a bank in Pitman, NJ in mid-April 2006. Investigators developed information on the location of one of Pettiway's known acquaintances, established surveillance at that site, and observed and identified Pettiway. NY/NJ RFTF personnel moved in, and following a brief foot pursuit, took Pettiway safely into custody. Investigators seized a falsely obtained US passport and more than \$2,000 in US currency allegedly related to the robbery.



Shaun Pettiway

**Wanted for:
Bank Robbery &
Unlawful Flight**